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This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004. Please amend the Brief Description of the Drawings and the Specification of the application as follows:

Amendment to the Brief Description of the Drawings is reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Specification is reflected on page 3 of this paper.

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Figure 7 - Cancel

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Each voting station may have its own power source or there may be a single source for several stations and each voting station requires at least one election security card which is normally provided by the election authority in a sealed security envelope. Poll workers must insert the election security card in each voting device to permit operation.

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